



ABSTRACT

A flaky, fine powder comprising a flaky substance as the base and silica particles covering the surface of the base, aimed at reducing the glossiness of the base caused by the irregular reflection of light on its surface and improving the slipperiness. In particular, the powder comprises a flaky base substance such as natural mica and silica particles deposited on the base surface, wherein the silica particles may be optionally further immobilized by the hydrolysate of alkoxysilane or silica gel. The flaky fine powder is produced either by adding alkoxysilane to a dispersion containing a flaky substance and silica particles and hydrolyzing it, by adding a silicic acid solution to the dispersion and gelling it, or by adding a combination of alkoxysilane and silicic acid solution. This powder can be compounded with various ingredients and is particularly useful with cosmetics.

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